

I urge you to stop Sinclair Broadcasting from being able to use free public airways to show an unfair, unblananced, unobjective view of the presidential candidates with its "mandatory" showing of an anti-Kerry documentary. Sinclair Broadcasting's has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, which is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and this should be stopped.

Although Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, they are obviously trying to influence the upcoming election by mandating that each of their many stations throughout the US air this anti-Kerry smear piece. That is not what we need for our democracy. That is not what Sinclair should be provided free airwaves and public for.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. It's important that equal time and equal voice be given to each campaign, so that the American people can make up their own minds. Mandating that each station in their media empire show this documentary means that Sinclair is unfairly using their free airwaves to heavily influence the upcoming election.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. They should not be able to get away with using public media space for their unchecked biases. Thank you.